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The "slippery slope" of religion.

1. Superiority

Mentality that says, *I have the truth and they don't. I have a good life and they don't.*

2. Separation

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They are seen as "impure."

3. Caricature

Because I don't know them, I caricature them.

They now become one dimensional.

4. Passive & Active Opression

Now these become the type of people I can push
away and ignore.

Passively at first, then over time, actively.

Reaching out includes...

Everyone

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1 Timothy 2:3-4

Good Soil

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Matthew 13:13

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Luke 4:17-21

Our Enemy

You have heard that the law of Moses says, "Love your neighbor" and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

Matthew 5:43-44

Next Steps and Reflection

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 - Enemy _____
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